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**DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
LONG RANGE PLANNING**

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Clark County Commissioners

FROM: Pat Lee, Long Range Planning Manager

DATE: April 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Criteria for Selecting a Preferred Alternative

CASE NUMBER:

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Background

The Board of County Commissioners instructed staff to evaluate the comprehensive plan alternatives using the following eight criteria:

- Minimize conversion of rural and resource land to urban
- Provide most cost efficient delivery of public services
- Minimize environmental impacts
- Encourages economic development
- Maximize transportation system and land use accessibility
- Provide a variety of housing types
- Includes areas that are characterized by urban development
- Supports alternative transportation modes

The use of criteria is an attempt to evaluate the five comprehensive plan alternatives using a defined set of parameters. The criteria are based on input received from public meetings, the Technical Advisory Committee and existing policy guidelines.

The measures used to evaluate each of the criteria were based on information extracted from the draft environmental impact statement and the focused public investment area analysis.

Attached are summaries of each of the criteria which include the following sections: GMA and Countywide planning policies, description of measurements, findings and conclusions. Data used in evaluating each of the criteria is also included.

